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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON ENTEBBE EVENTS

REF: STATE 171506

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, AND AFTER CHECKING WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR (WHO HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS) I CALLED ON VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JORGE GOMEZ MANTELLINI. AFTER LISTENING TO OUR ARGUMENTS THE VICE MINISTER SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH UN AMBASSADOR GONSALVI, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND PROBABLY ULTIMATELY THE PRESIDENT. WHILE HE ACKNOWLEDGED GOV CONCERN FOR THE PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, HE SAID THAT THIS WAS A VERY COMPLICATED QUESTION. HE ALLUDED TO AMONG OTHER THINGS VENEZUELA'S THIRD WORLD POSTURE. HE PROMISED TO CALL ME BACK WHEN HE HAD A DECISION.

2. VENEZUELAN ATTITUDES TO THE ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION ARE QUITE MIXED. MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, CHARACTERISTICALLY REACTED IN HIGHLY NEGATIVE FASHION (SEE CARACAS 8194). ON THE OTHER HAND, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, OCTAVIO LEPAGE, WHO IS MORE DIRECTLY

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CONCERNED WITH TERRORISM, WAS HIGHLY LAUDATORY IN

PRIVATE. MINISTER OF MINES, VALENTINO HERNANDEZ,
SAID PRIVATELY THAT HE HAD NOTHING BUT ADMIRATION
FOR THE OPERATION. WE SUSPECT THAT DEEP DOWN MOST
VENEZUELANS WERE PLEASED BY THE RESCUE OPERATION.
IN VIEW OF THIRD WORLD ALLEGIANCES AND
RHETORIC, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE
DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO ADMIT AS MUCH.
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